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Algeria: The "full agreement" of Algerian political leaders announced yesterday appears to be a temporary solution designed to assuage public irritation over the prolonged crisis. The seven-man political bureau formed by Ben Bella, which is to govern the country until the National Revolutionary Council (CNRA) meets in "about a month," is unlikely to take the vigorous action necessary to restore administrative effectiveness and economic activity until the power struggle is resolved. Chances for the early establishment of an effective government will be further reduced by political maneuvering for elections, now scheduled for "probably 27 August," and the likelihood that powerful Vice Premiers Belkacem Krim and Mohammed Boudiaf will continue to oppose Ben Bella's efforts to gain control of the country. Meanwhile, the political aspirations of Algerian National Army leaders, who appear to hold the balance of power, will be increasingly difficult to contain.

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Communist China: The Chinese Communist leadership may be embarking on a major campaign to revitalize the party. A long theoretical essay, "How to Be a Good Communist," by Liu Shao-chi has been reprinted in the two leading organs of the central committee, with a prefatory notice recalling that all party officials had been required to study the essay during the 1942 "rectification" campaign. That campaign had aimed at eradicating various "deviations" from the party; the need today is to tighten sagging party discipline and to restore strict allegiance to the party leaders. Although certain persons in disfavor may be disciplined as examples, there is not likely to be a far-reaching purge.

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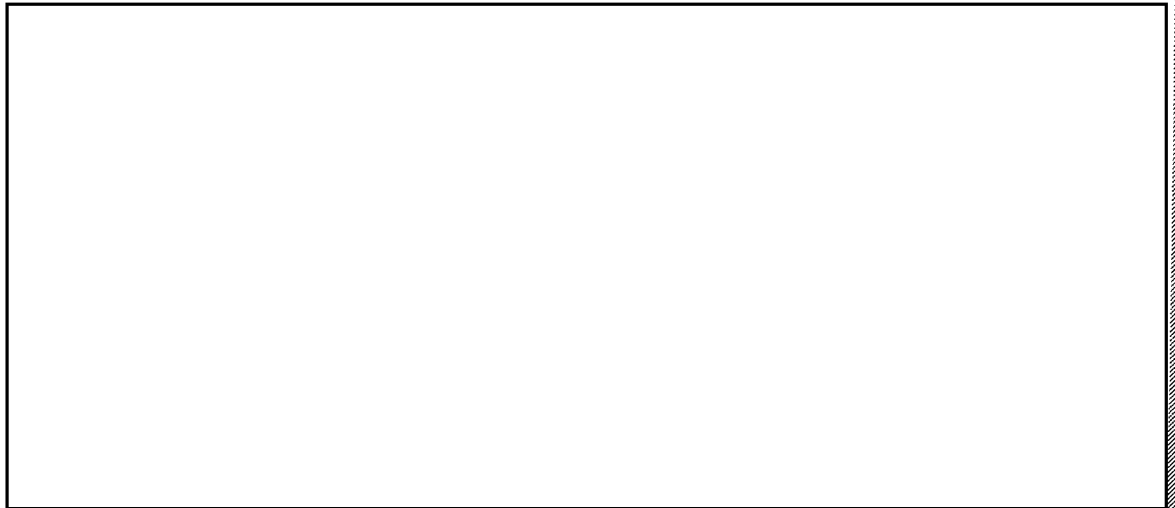
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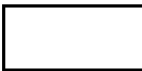
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Ethiopia: [] The American military communications center at Asmara--Kagnew Station--is the object of growing criticism in Ethiopia at a time when Emperor Haile Selassie's government is preparing a formal request for revision of the 1953 agreement on the facility. The criticism is being spurred by the educated youth, who are attacking Haile Selassie for allowing an "imperialist" base which threatens the country's neutralist position. []

[] Haile Selassie's initial terms for revision of the agreement will probably include an increase in the annual rent of \$80,000, additional military and economic assistance, and US support against Somalia's territorial claims. []

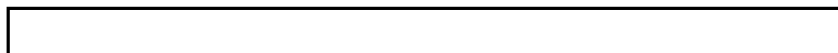
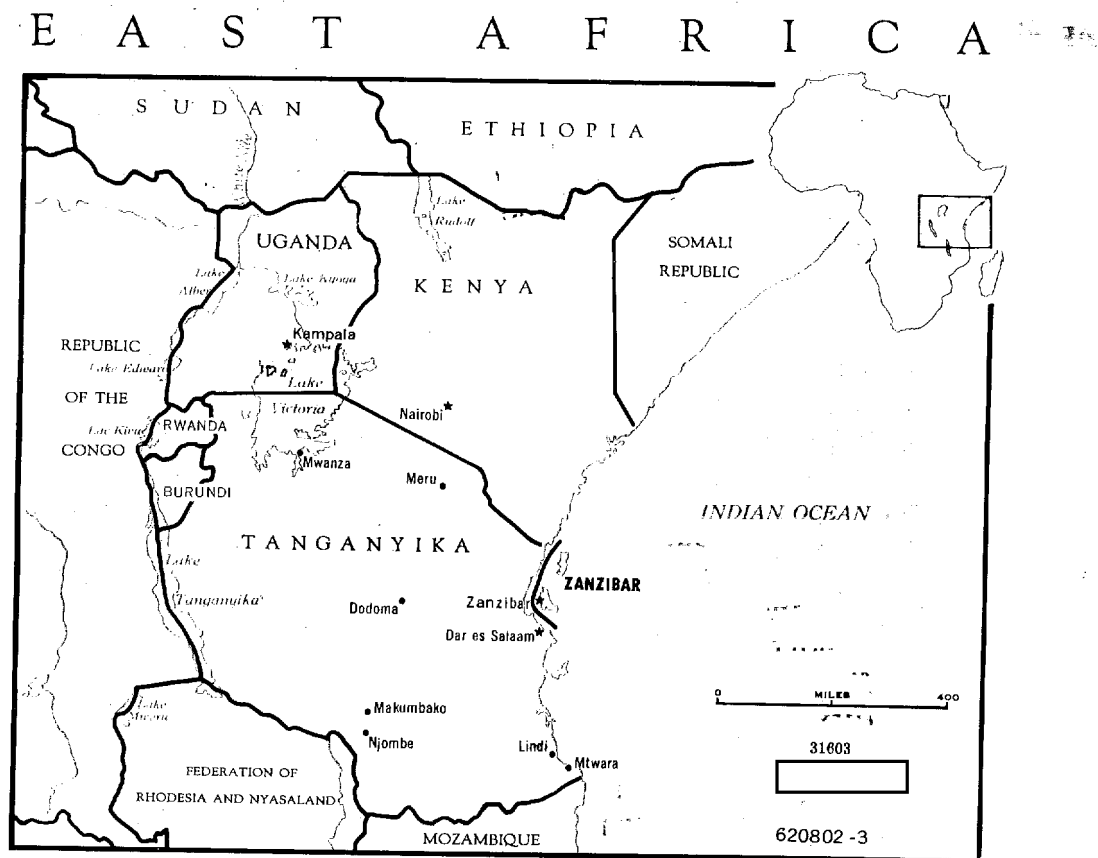
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Ghana: The unsuccessful attempt on Nkrumah's life on 1 August is likely to have a considerable psychological impact on him. It probably will result in the imposition of sweeping new security measures aimed at controlling the activities of known and suspected opponents of the regime and at protecting Nkrumah personally. The assassination attempt occurred in northern Ghana where latent opposition to the regime remains strong. The assassin has not yet been apprehended; elements of the harassed opposition United party may have been involved.

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Mozambique-Tanganyika: The exile Mozambique Liberation Front is preparing camps in southern Tanganyika for training refugee Mozambique nationalists in guerrilla tactics and sabotage techniques,

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The French Embassy in Dar es Salaam has reports that Tunisia will provide instructors; Ghana is also reportedly interested in supporting such activity. Such activities would be the first serious effort to develop a revolutionary capability among Africans in Mozambique, which so far has escaped the overt nationalist unrest present in Portugal's other overseas provinces of Angola and Guinea.

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Ecuador: A high-ranking National Police officer has expressed the belief to the US air attaché in Quito that the Ecuadorean internal security situation is highly precarious. He said that the Communists now have the capability to exploit quickly any opportunities provided by strikes and demonstrations. He expects the month of August to be especially critical because disturbances in Esmeraldas, Quito, and Cuenca are planned by the leftist Ecuadorean Workers' Confederation.

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